MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) Owing to unusually heavy rains this year, most of the unmetalled roads in the town got slushy and naturally caused some inconvenience to traffic.

(2) (*a*) All the roads were inspected by the Section Officers, most by the Sub-Division Officers, the Division Officer and the Chief Engineer. Information regarding the dates of inspection is not available.

(*b*) Most of the unmetalled roads.

(*c*) All the roads referred to in part (*b*) of the interpellation were repaired with the available materials; spreading of gravel in some cases and sanding in others.

(*d*) The Chief Engineer says that the question of the improvement of such roads is engaging his attention and that he has called for a list of such roads.

Assignment of a tank in the Ullur pakuti, Trivandrum Taluk.

257. MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it was by assignment or lease, that the Villeedukulam comprised in Survey No. 1440 of the Ullur pakuti of the Trivandrum taluk and situated near the Ullur bridge passed into the possession of private persons;

(*b*) whether the Chief Engineer and the Director of Agriculture were consulted before the assignment or lease was ordered; and

(*c*) when final orders were passed by the Dewan Peishkar assigning or leasing this tank?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The tank-bed referred to by the member in the Ullur pakuti of the Trivandrum taluk, has been leased on Kuthakapattam without limit of time to the manager of the Ullur English Middle School, subject to the payment of rent at the 1st *taram* for dry lands *i. e.*, 15 fanams per acre and also to the further condition that it should be used as a play ground for the school and that, if the school should, for any reason, be closed, the land should revert to the Government.

(*b*) The P. W. D. was consulted as required by Rule 5 of the *Puduval Rules*. The Director of Agriculture was not consulted, as such consultation is not contemplated by the *Puduval Rules*.

(*c*) The order for leasing the tank was issued by the Government on 7-5-1928 and not by the Peishkar.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*) of the question, may I know whether the Chief Engineer was consulted?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. The Public Works Department recommended the registry of the land, but the Government have only granted a lease which is terminable at any time.

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MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Will the Government kindly ask the Director of Agriculture and the Land Revenue Commissioner to inspect the locality and to report if this tank is not required for agricultural purposes?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The report on record is that it is not useful for agricultural purposes.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Will they kindly call upon the Director of Agriculture and the Chief Engineer to report if this tank, which is now being filled up is not required for agricultural purposes?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The Director of Agriculture and the Chief Engineer alone?

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Yes.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Government have no objection to have it examined once again.

Need for a bridge at Poovar.

258. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : Are the Government aware :

(*a*) that there is a great popular demand for a bridge at Poovar over the Neyyar river ;

(*b*) that the late Dewan during one of his visits to the locality last year was impressed with the need for the same and promised the people all help in the matter ; and

(*c*) that repeated representations have been made in the matter in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and in the Council?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*c*) The member is referred to the answer to his interpellation No. 140 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 6th December 1928.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know whether Government will be pleased to make a further enquiry into the matter in consultation with the representatives of the people ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : With reference to what part is the question raised ?

MR. N. K. KRISNHA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Part (*a*).

MR. T. P. RAMSUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The member is referred to the answer given. He had asked a question on this subject before and the answer to that question was :—

"An investigation had been conducted and it was reported that the bridge with approaches would cost more than Rs. 50,000. A junghar service meets the demand of the present traffic. The Chief Engineer is of opinion that the construction of the bridge may wait till traffic develops".

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : My present question is, will the Government make a further enquiry in consultation with the representatives of the people?

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